



**Fremont Cemetery Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2012  
Approved February 4, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall. This meeting was to take the place of the October 1, 2012 meeting that was rescheduled due to lack of quorum.

Present: Cemetery Trustees Richard Rand, Leon Holmes, Jr., and Bob Stackpole; and Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Mr. Stackpole motioned to accept the minutes of the August 6, 2012 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Rand with favorable vote except for Mr. Holmes who abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Old Business

**LEAVITT CEMETERY**

Mr. Rand said he will call Chris Alex to set a date for a site visit at the Leavitt Cemetery with the Trustees to discuss laying out the new road branch off the main roadway going into the Cemetery. This needs to be done so the job can be bid out. He said he will contact the other Trustees when he has a date certain and the Trustees agreed they can be free any afternoon to meet with Mr. Alex.

The Trustees discussed road access and agreed that a loop road would be best as a loop would allow vehicles to flow in and out of the cemetery whereas a hammerhead would tend to create backup and turn-around problems if there was more than one vehicle.

The Trustees agreed that the work at the Leavitt Cemetery that needs to be done includes:

- Lay out the one roadway that is not already done.
- Figure out the size of the area.
- Decide how many more yards of material are needed.
- Spread loam already on site.
- Buy gravel and have it spread for the new roadway.

**TRAILER**

Mr. Rand said he has a small trailer for the workers to use for hauling equipment from cemetery to cemetery and he has been working on it, but it needs more repairs.

## WARRANT ARTICLE

There was some discussion relative to presenting a warrant article for the 2013 vote to repair some broken monuments. At the last meeting the Trustees voted to request that the Selectmen include an article in the 2013 warrant for repairs of monuments in the Town Cemeteries, but no dollar amount was discussed.

The Trustees agreed that there are many monuments that need repair in all of the Towns Cemeteries. There was further discussion and it was agreed that an article might indicate that repairs would be to those old broken stones where owners cannot be found or are no longer alive.

Mr. Rand said he would love to see repairs done to broken stones, but the cemetery lots are privately owned and he is not sure spending Town money on them is legal. The Trustees discussed the legalities of spending of Town money on the Town Cemeteries given that cemetery lots are privately owned. Mr. Stackpole rescinded his earlier motion to request the Selectmen include an article in the 2013 warrant for repairs of monuments in the Town Cemeteries and made the motion to hold off with a warrant article for this year pending more research of the discussed legality issues. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion with unanimous favorable vote.

## New Business

### 2013 UPDATED BUDGET

#### BUDGET – 2012

The Trustees received and reviewed the updated draft of the 2013 Cemeteries Budget which was last updated on October 1, 2012 to include the Department request and the Selectmen's recommendation and Budget Committee recommendation. The \$3,349 difference between the Department request of \$9,900, and the Selectmen's recommendation and Budget Committee recommendation of \$6,551 is explained below.

Selectmen and Budget Committee have recommended the following reductions.

- 4195010 - Mowing Wages from \$5,700 to \$4,500 = reduction of \$1,200
- 4195700 - Equipment Hire from \$2,200 to \$500 = reduction of \$1,700
- 4195710 - Contract Help from \$150 to \$1 = reduction of \$ 149
- 4195800 - Fuel from \$500 to \$400 = reduction of \$ 100
- 4195850 - Mower Equip. & Rpr from \$600 to \$300 = reduction of \$ 300
- 4195900 - Electricity line from \$200 to \$300 = increase of \$ 100

Mr. Holmes said that the equipment hire line (4195700) is used for hiring equipment for projects that need to be done in the cemeteries. They discussed the need for repairs to the wall on the Brentwood end of the Village Cemetery and noted that \$500 was not enough to make these, or other necessary repairs. The Trustees collectively agreed to request this line be left at \$2,200.

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It was noted that the contract help line (4195710) is used to pay Steve Carder for care and maintenance of the Pettengill Cemetery. The Trustees agreed that this is a minimal amount to pay for a years' worth of maintenance and they collectively agreed to request this line be left at \$150. After further discussion the Trustees collectively agreed that they do not have a problem with the reductions to the budget lines for mowing wages, the fuel and the electricity.

Mr. Holmes asked Mrs. Bolduc to make an appointment with the Selectmen and go with the Trustees to convey their rationale for their budget recommendations. She will make the appointment and notify the Trustees of the date and time.

#### CEMETERY MAPS

Mrs. Bolduc reported that Eagle Scout Timothy King, accompanied by his Mother Rene King, came in to meet with the Trustees for their October 1, 2012 meeting, but that meeting was rescheduled. She related that he is looking for a project for his Eagle Scout badge and he wondered if the Town would consider allowing him to update the map of the Village Cemetery. She said she showed him the maps and they discussed potentially how the project could be done and what it would involve.

The Trustees all thought updating the map of the Village Cemetery was great idea and they would support Mr. King if he chooses to move forward with this project.

At 4:30 pm Mr. Rand left the meeting.

#### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Trustees received a September 27, 2012 correspondence from Gerry Tilley relative to the Wreaths Across America Program where wreaths will be placed on each veteran's grave in Fremont's Cemeteries on December 15, 2012. Mrs. Tilley advised that she will create a database that lists the name, branch of service, war or conflict, dates of birth and death, and cemetery lot number of each veteran buried in Fremont's cemeteries. She will update the database each year with any changes that have taken place due to new or updated information. The map will have color-coded locations and the war or conflict for each veteran.

In her correspondence Mrs. Tilley asked if it would be possible to have a color-coded map made for Matthew Thomas for his files. She also asked permission to temporarily mark the veteran's graves using marked paint stirrers that would be removed when the wreaths are placed.

Mr. Stackpole and Mr. Holmes agreed that they have no problem with the use of markers and placement of the wreaths as long as they are removed prior to the April 1, 2013 when the Cemeteries reopen for the summer. As for the map, they agreed that it would be nice for Matthew Thomas to have a copy, but there is no money in the Cemetery Trustees budget for funding.

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Correspondence

There was no incoming correspondence.

At 4:50 pm Mr. Stackpole made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes with unanimous favorable vote.

Next meeting

The next scheduled meeting is 3:30 pm on Monday December 3, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Recording Secretary